The Manual of a Christian Knight - Erasmus of Rotterdam, 1503

Rule 1: Deepen and increase your faith.

Rule 2: Act on your faith; make it a living witness to others.

Rule 3: Analyze and understand your fears; don't be ruled by them.

Rule 4: Make Jesus Christ the only guide and the only goal of your life.

Rule 5: Turn away from material things; don't be owned by them.

Rule 6: Train your mind to distinguish the true nature of good and evil.

Rule 7: Never let any failure or setback turn you away from God.

Rule 8: Face temptation guided by God, not by worry or excuses.

Rule 9: Always be ready for attacks from those who fear the Gospel & resent the good.

Rule 10: Always be prepared for temptation. And do what you can to avoid it.

Rule 11: Be alert to two special dangers: moral cowardice and personal pride.

Rule 12: Face your weaknesses and turn them into strengths.

Rule 13: Treat each battle as if it were your last.

Rule 14: A life of virtue has no room for vice; the little vices we tolerate become the most deadly.

Rule 15: Every important decision has alternatives; think them through clearly and honestly in the light of what's right.

Rule 16: Never, ever give up or give in on any matter of moral substance.

Rule 17: Always have a plan of action. Battles are often won or lost before they begin.

Rule 18: Always think through, in advance, the consequences of your choices & actions.

Rule 19: Do nothing in public or private that people you love wouldn't hold in esteem.

Rule 20: Virtue is its own reward; it needs no applause.

Rule 21: Life is demanding and brief; make it count.

Rule 22: Admit & repent your wrongs, never lose hope, encourage your brothers, & then begin again.

"Maleness, brothers, is a matter of biology. It just happens. Manhood must be learned and earned and taught. That's our task. So my prayer for all of us today is that God will plant the seed of a new knighthood in our hearts — and make us the kind of "new men" our families, our Church, our nation, and our world need." Archbishop Chaput, *Knighthood and the New Man.*

"Men in true brotherhood-who have dominion-are there for one another when they need it, meaning they admit they have needs. You can't be there for someone if that someone never needs you, if you have no weaknesses. That is why it in true need that a true community is cultivated." Jason Craig, *Leaving Boyhood Behind*, 105.

"Brotherhood is a group of men who love each other enough to remind one other of who they are: beloved sons of the Father, called to lay down their lives in service to others." – Dr. Ryan Hanning

"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus." – St. John Paul II

"I begin this letter with a clarion call and clear charge to you, my sons and brothers in Christ: Men, do not hesitate to engage in the battle that is raging around you, the battle that is wounding our children and families, the battle that is distorting the dignity of both women and men. This battle is often hidden, but the battle is real. It is primarily spiritual, but it is progressively killing the remaining Christian ethos in our society and culture, and even in our own homes… Thus, Catholic men across the centuries have responded to the call to enter the battle, ever ancient and ever new, and I have confidence that you will respond alike to fill the breach in our time. Be confident! Be bold! Forward, into the breach!" Bs. Thomas J. Olmsted, *Into the Breach*

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." St. Paul, *Letter to the Philippians* 4:8

"The rebuilding of culture is not going to happen without the reconstitution of brotherhoods." Anthony Esolen, *Out of the Ashes: Rebuilding American Culture*

"From this day to the ending of the world, but we in it shall be rememberèd—
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he today that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile" Shakespeare, *Henry V*